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- 1. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOV WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO USG ENCOURAGEMENT TO JOIN THE IWC.
- 2. MATTERS HAVING TO DO WITH "CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES" ARE NOW FIRMLY FIXED IN THE ATTITUDES OF GOV LEADERS, AND FURTHER, EMBASSY PERCIEVES NO SIGNIFICANT VENEZUELAN INTEREST WHICH WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED BY JOINING IWC.
- 3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT VENEZUELA'S RECEPTIVITY WILL BE CONDITIONED ON THE GOV'S ABILITY TO DESIGNATE DELEGATES TO IWC CONFERENCES FROM AMONG THE STAFF OF ITS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS SERVING AT IWC CONFERENCE SITES. THESE DELEGATES CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAVE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MATTERS OTHER THAN CONSERVATION AND PROBABLY WILL RECEIVE ONLY MARGINALLY-INFORMED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOV,
- 4. DEPARTMENT SHOULD THEREFORE BASE ITS DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO ENCOURAGE VENEZUELA TO JOIN THE IWC ON THE QUESTION OF THE ROLE POTENTIAL IWC MEMBER-COUNTRY DELEGATES WILL BE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN FURTHERING IWC CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.

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